

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A prepreg produced by impregnating a reinforced-fiber sheet with a matrix resin, ~~being characterized in that~~ wherein the prepreg comprises a continuous resin layer which exists in an inside thereof, and at least one surface of one side thereof is constituted of a resin-impregnated part where an impregnated resin substantially exists and a fiber part where an impregnated resin ~~does~~ does not substantially exist.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The prepreg according to claim 1, ~~being characterized in that~~ wherein the one surface of the one side thereof has a sea-island structure in which the fiber part constitutes a sea portion and the resin-impregnated part constitutes an island portion.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The prepreg according to claim 2, ~~being characterized in that~~ wherein an area of the island portion is 1 to 80% of a total area of the one surface of the one side thereof.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The prepreg according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, ~~being characterized in that~~ wherein a protective film having an irregular surface is applied to at least one surface of one side of the reinforced-fiber sheet impregnated with the matrix resin.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): ~~A method of producing the~~ The prepreg according to ~~any one of claims 2 to 4~~ claim 2, ~~being characterized in that~~ wherein a center distance between adjacent island portions is 1 to 10 mm.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): A method of producing a prepreg, ~~being characterized by comprising:~~

impregnating a reinforced-fiber sheet with a matrix resin so as to form a continuous resin layer at least in an inside thereof; and

applying a protective film having an irregular surface to at least one surface of one side of the reinforced-fiber sheet impregnated with the matrix resin.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The method of producing the prepreg according to claim 6, ~~being characterized in that~~ wherein only a convex portion of the irregular surface is brought into contact with the reinforced-fiber sheet impregnated with the matrix resin.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The method of producing the prepreg according to claim 6 or 7, ~~being characterized by~~ comprising keeping the viscosity of an impregnated resin at 10000 Poise or less for 4 hours or more in a situation where the protective film is applied to the reinforced-fiber sheet.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The method of producing the prepreg according to claim 6 or 7, ~~being characterized by~~ comprising keeping a temperature at 30 to 150°C for 4 hours or more in a situation where the protective film is applied to the reinforced-fiber sheet.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): The method of producing the prepreg according to claim 6, ~~being characterized in that~~ wherein the irregular surface of the protective film is formed of a number of independent convex portions.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): The method of producing the prepreg according to claim 10, ~~being characterized in that~~ wherein the irregular surface of the protective film is disposed with dispersing a number of convex portions uniformly on a surface of the film.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): The method of producing the prepreg according to claim 10 ~~or 11, being characterized in that~~ wherein a center distance between the adjacent convex portions is 1 to 10 mm.